

Jesus says, Fear not, little flock; it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom of God, of Christ, of grace, of peace, of love, of joy, and of glory. All this is yours thru Christ. He also says, In the world ye shall have tribulations; but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world. Glorious victory. And, so far as we are concerned, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Unbounded faith in God, in the Son of God, in the spirit of God, and in the word of God gives an inspiration for a higher and a nobler life in Christ Jesus: it lifts the soul from the troubles of earth into the joys of heaven, even into the very presence of Him at whose right hand are pleasures for evermore; and being thus lifted it creates in the heart a burning desire to abide there forever.

Has this inspiration taken possession of your souls? If so, "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children, and walk in love and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds thru Christ Jesus." When Christ keeps you, you are kept. He is the good Shepherd. Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." This high calling of God in Christ to you is a great blessing; but a greater blessing awaits you. "When Christ who is our life shall appear then shall ye also appear with him in glory." Therefore, rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice. Phil. 4:4.

Prayer

J. M. BOWMAN

Many times we have been bothered about prayer. It is so hard for us to see how God can accomplish a thing, in answer to our prayers, that would not, without the prayer be accomplished.

To very many earnest people prayer is nothing more than a good wholesome, pious exercise, and the great benefits to be realized from it are its reflex results upon the one who does the praying. And it is all of this: but, praise God, this is not all of prayer. We "ask" (Matt. 7:7) "good things" (Matt. 7:11), "the Holy Spirit" (Lk. 11:13), "anything according to his will" (I John 5:14), "life for those that sin not unto death" (I John 5:16), and "it shall be given," "receive," "your Father which is in heaven will give," "he heareth us."

But we are often confused about natural laws and cannot see how these things can be without setting aside these laws that are manifest to us daily in their workings. And yet we are continually seeing one of these forces overcoming another. Today I have "wheeled" down a steep hill with perfect ease and safety without braking because the wind blew up the hill. Gravitation was not interfered with in the least, but its power was overcome. And in fact braking is only applying another force for the same purpose. This illustration might be multiplied a hun-

dred times from our most common experiences.

Who of us can think that we must know all about the forces that God can set working to accomplish that for which we may pray? It is God himself who gives the directions and makes the promises and it is our privilege and joy to believe him.

Miamisburg, O.

Would Give a Thousand Lives

Dr. Robert Moffat labored in South Africa over fifty years. At one time he wrote, "O, that I had a thousand lives and a thousand bodies! all of them should be employed to preach Christ to this degraded and despised yet beloved people." And in reviewing more than half a century of toil and privation, he says, "I never complained; I never felt a murmur. It was a glorious work. It was doing the will of God; and had I perished beneath it I should have lost nothing and gained everything."

The Mission Field

January Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church

RECEIPTS

GENERAL FUND

Will and Ida Meyers, Nevada, Mo.,	\$ 4 00
King's Children, Enon church, Iowa,	6 25
Eli Hoover, Waterloo, Iowa,	5 00
Savilla Lichty, " "	50
C W. Landis, " "	2 00
A Friend, " "	50
Barrel opening, " "	4 00
National S. S. C. E.,	10 00
Mrs. Mary K. Fair, Hardy, Neb.,	1 00
Emma Wingard, Flora, Ind.,	2 00
Brethren ch., Lanark, Ill., Xmas offering,	20 02
" S. S., " " "	9 16
" " " " entertainment,	4 05
" Young People's Meeting, Lanark, Ill.,	1 42
A J. Hixson, Parsons, Kans.,	1 00
George Berry and wife, " "	50
J. W. Ferrell and wife, " "	25
Sadie Solomon, " "	25
Rev. A. B. Deter, " "	25
Lorena Thurbur, " "	25
Mr. and Mrs. John Kurtz, Williamsport, N. D.,	2 00
A Sister, Columbus, O.,	35
N. C. Nielsen, Herrington, Kan.,	3 00
L. and W. McDowell, Goshen, Ind.,	38
Arthur McCay, " "	17
Cleo Ullery, " "	02
Mrs. Milton M. Cripe, " "	62
Philip Bowser, " "	79
Oliver and Artie Schrock, " "	45
Perry Keyser, " "	1 16
Ida Fletcher, " "	50
Mrs. H. J. Schrock, " "	1 25
Hazel Schrock, " "	27
Brethren ch., Roann, Ind., barrel opening,	4 57
" " " " general collection,	3 00
Silver Creek and Falls City churches, Neb.,	50 04
A Brother, Phil. Pa.,	25
California church, per M. Shively,	12 85
Mt. Zion church, Hocking Co., O.,	1 00
Brethren church, Brighton, Ind.,	12 28
" " New Highland, Ind.,	1 00
" " Oakville, Ind.,	1 73
" " Warsaw, " "	6 04

\$176 12

WASHINGTON FUND

J. B. Wampler, Blanco, Pa.,	\$ 1 00
Miss F. E. Winer, Concordia, Kan.,	4 00
M. Alice Winer, " "	2 00
Slate Hill church, Va., per C. M. Colladay,	1 00
S. Berkeley, Altoona, Pa.,	1 00
Pennsylvania S. S. C. E.,	5 00
Brethren church, Salisbury, Pa.,	5 00
" " Berlin, Pa.,	1 50
" " Maple Grove, Pa.,	2 07
" " Downey Pa.,	1 19
" " St. James, Md.,	2 57
Mrs. Nettie Wright, Sec. N. Manchester, Ind.,	1 50
Offerings Washington City church,	20 57
W. L. Spanogle, Roaring Springs, Pa.,	2 50
John M. Freeland, Terra Alta, W. Va.,	3 00
Y. P. S. C. E., Oakville church, Ind.,	68

\$54 58

CHICAGO FUND

Mary A. Meyers, Milledgeville, Ill.,	\$ 5 00
Bible conference, Eaton, Ind.,	5 54
Brethren church, Brooklyn, Iowa,	1 30
A friend, Waterloo, Iowa,	5 00
A friend, Garrison, Iowa,	25
Sunday school, Enon, Iowa,	14 10
Bible conference, Nappanee, Ind.,	6 10
Offerings, Chicago mission,	5 42
Brethren church, Oakville, Ind.,	7 15

\$ 49 86

Total in full,	280 56
Receipts previously reported,	865 86

Total to date, \$ 1146 42

EXPENDITURES

To order No. 88 in favor of J. O. Talley,	\$ 50 00
To order No. 89 in favor of W. M. Lyon,	30 00
To cash paid direct to W. M. Lyon,	48 37
To cash paid direct to J. O. Talley,	42 71
To order No. 90 in favor of W. M. Lyon,	50 00
To order No. 91 in favor of J. O. Talley,	50 00
To order No. 92 in favor of Z. H. Copp,	10 00

\$ 281 08

Amount previously reported 883 94

Total to date, \$ 1165 02

FOREIGN FUND

Gertie Meyers, Nevada, Mo.,	\$ 30
Jas. Hunt, Upper Yoder, Cambria Co., Pa.,	5 00

\$ 5 36

Amount previously reported, 362 67

Total to date, \$ 367 97

WASHINGTON CHURCH BUILDING FUND

L. S. Futz, Mt. Sidney, Va.,	\$ 1 00
Jas. Hunt, Upper Yoder, Cambria Co., Pa.,	1 00
Ephraim Stutzman, Rosedale, Pa.,	1 00
Brethren church, Union Chapel, Pa.,	10 65
Bethesda Brethren church Pioneer, Ohio,	2 30
John M. Freeland, Terra Alta, W. Va.,	5 00

\$ 20 95

Amount previously reported, 211 66

Total to date, \$ 232 61

"Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." The expenses of the Missionary Board have been about \$1165.00 the first six months of our church year, and the receipts \$1146.00. The expenses have thus been met and a little paid off on what balance was due our missionaries on August 1.

JACOB C. CASSEL,
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

It is only love which makes us take pains with a man. Just judgment must then be slow, and one mark of unjust judgment is its haste.—Brooke.